

Street Value Of \$4,000

Suspected 'Pot' Confiscated

Berrien sheriff's officers reported 11½ bricks of alleged high grade marijuana and some 1,500 pills were confiscated last night at a trailer home near Eau Claire.

If proved to be marijuana, the substance would have a street value of about \$4,000, according to Sgt. Don Ives of the Berrien Metro narcotics squad.

Sheriff's deputies confiscated the alleged "pot" and the pills during a routine check for a runaway boy at a Pipestone township trailer.

In custody this morning, charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, was a man

deputies identified as Robert Vliet, 28, of Indianapolis.

Deputy Sgt. Douglas Tiefenbach reported he and Deputy Stan Souers discovered the alleged drugs at a trailer on Bailey road, about one-half mile south of road, where they had stopped to check a report a runaway was staying at the trailer.

While he was talking to the occupants of the trailer, Tiefenbach said, Souers saw a man stuffing a clothing bag under the trailer.

Tiefenbach said he opened the bag and found bricks of the suspected processed marijuana, each neatly

wrapped in cellophane.

He said he placed the man Souers had found under arrest. While he was talking to man, the occupants of the trailer ran out a door and fled.

Deputies searched the trailer, confiscating the pills, more suspected marijuana, a water pipe and several other pipes. A total of 27 to 28 pounds of suspected marijuana were taken into custody.

Deputies said they believe the suspected marijuana confiscated last night to be of extremely high quality, possibly grown in Mexico, and able to command a very high price on the street.



MYSTERY SUBSTANCE: Denny Mayne, 12, of Windsor, Ont., scrubs down Monty Monday after a sooty material rolled in on suburban Detroit and Windsor, leaving a thin, oily, grey blanket on both sides of the Detroit River. The origin of the pollution is unknown. (AP Wirephoto)

Detroit Attacked Twice By Soot

WINDSOR, Ont. (AP) — "The lady of the house came to the door with black grime all over her knees, feet and hands."

"Would I talk about the fallout? Just look at me," she said.

Mrs. Gordon Claus was one of many victims of a mysterious fallout of soot that blanketed a section of Windsor, Ont., and several suburbs of neighboring Detroit Sunday night and returned again Monday evening.

She and thousands of others will have to repeat Monday's housecleaning process again today. Windsor police said the soot's return was "terrible —

just awful" and spread over the city's west side, closest to Detroit.

Police said the fallout was not

Michigan Is Tropic Jungle

Southwestern Michigan and the nation's midsection will remain in steam heat for at least another day but the weatherman said cooling thunderstorms are expected later this week.

Temperatures ranged in the middle nineties Monday and the temperature-humidity index was 84 which means extremely hot and uncomfortable.

Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. reported it reached a peak for the summer at 2 p.m. yesterday with demand for 2.5 million kilowatts. The average usage during the summer is about 2.1 million kilowatts, an I & M spokesman said.

But the representative said the company experienced "no problems" throughout the entire I & M system, which encompasses divisions in Benton Harbor, South Bend, Marion, Wayne, and Muncie Indiana.

The Benton Harbor and St. Joseph water plants also reported that consumption of water in the Twin Cities has remained steady this year, although consumption is up over last year.

Ross Field airport and this newspaper's recording thermometers both had highs of 83 Monday afternoon with a low of about 70 about 5 a.m. today. The South Bend weather bureau had a high of 95, while the Inter-City Bank sign in Buchanan posted a 101 at about 4 p.m.

Temperatures were expected to remain high today and Wednesday, the weatherman reports.

Meanwhile, it was like a tropical jungle across Michigan.

Record highs for the day were set at Marquette, which reported 98, and Traverse City, which had a 96. The record in Marquette had stood since 1953. Lansing joined Marquette in the statewide high of 98 degrees.

In Alpena, the high temperature Monday was 92; Detroit, 95; Grand Rapids, 94; Houghton, 86; Muskegon, 85; and Port Huron, 84.

as heavy as Sunday's but temperatures in the 90s and high humidity made it seem worse. A police spokesman said the fallout was gritty and many people found it difficult to breathe.

Two Windsor constables complained of nausea and breathing problems and were treated and released from a hospital. Residents with respiratory diseases were urged to stay indoors as much as possible.

The black, oily grime coated portions of Detroit and its Canadian neighbor across the Detroit river. Environmental officials have not yet pinpointed the source, although preliminary reports indicate a utility power plant may have been involved.

Edmund Morant, enforcement supervisor for the Wayne County Department of Health air pollution control division, said the grimy soot was from oil-fired equipment. Two of the utility's major power plants use oil-fired equipment.

"The situation is pathetic in some of these homes," said David Edwards, engineer for the air management branch of Windsor's Department of the Environment. "They woke up and their skin was black, their clothes were black, their drapes, their furniture."

Mrs. Claus' troubles were typical of those whose homes, cars, boats and swimming pools were in the path of the billowing smoke that smothered their neighborhoods.

"I've been cleaning ever since I got up this morning," said Mrs. Claus as she slumped into a chair, looking disgusted.

"I've been here two years, and this is the first time something like this has ever happened. Before, you could just wipe it off. This stuff just makes an oily smear."

"I've had to change all the bedclothes. Even my ironing board cover was filthy."

Mrs. Claus knew something was amiss as soon as she woke up and noticed a light film of greasy grime all over her arm and shoulder. When her husband left tracks on the kitchen linoleum, she immediately made a quick inspection of the house.

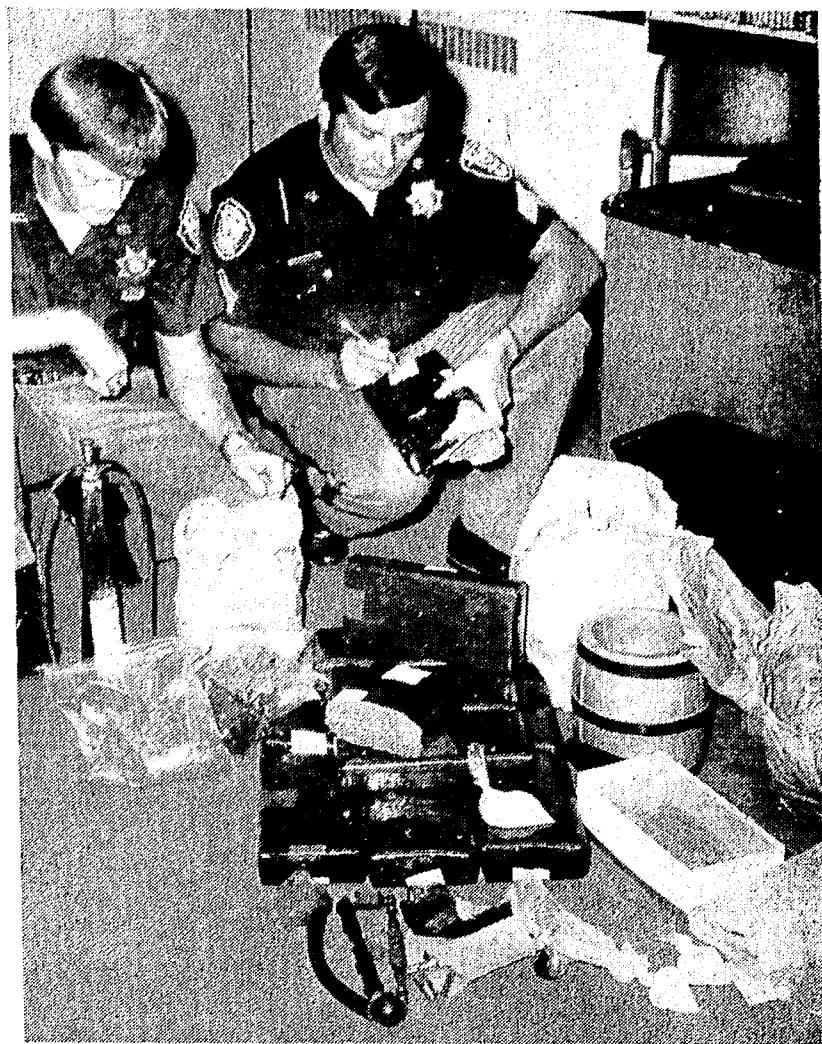
She found every flat surface

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Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 72 degrees.

Golf at Paw Paw Lake. Adv.



ALLEGED \$4,000 DRUG HAUL: Berrien sheriff's deputies Tom Exum (left) and Sgt. Douglas Tiefenbach examine what they said was over 27 pounds of marijuana and other drugs confiscated last night in Pipestone township. Dark rectangular objects are bricks of processed marijuana, deputies said. Area narcotics officers said value of haul on illegal drug market would be over \$4,000. (Staff photo)

Nixon Pals Put Up Cash For Residence

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — President Nixon has disclosed that his two closest friends, C. G. "Bebe" Rebozo and industrialist Robert H. Abplanalp, were secret partners in an investment firm that bought the bulk of his San Clemente property in December 1970.

The White House said on Monday that Nixon had ordered release of a detailed independent audit to dispel "false allegations that campaign funds had been used to acquire the San Clemente property."

And the White House said the President and Mrs. Nixon originally bought their \$1.5 million estate in 1969 with their own funds, loans from banks and eight per cent interest loans from their wealthy, longtime friend, Abplanalp.

"The President had to borrow money, pay interest at current rates and, similar to most Americans, still owes money on his properties, as we all do—all of us who own property," said Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren.

Rebozo's part in the transaction previously had not been public knowledge because all deeds and mortgages were held by the Title Insurance & Trust

Co. and were not filed for public inspection.

The detailed documents and reports from the New York accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand show that President and Mrs. Nixon sold all but 5.9

acres of their 28.9-acre Pacific oceanfront property 2½ years ago to the B. & C. Investment Co. of Los Angeles, owned jointly by Abplanalp and

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HELPED BUY NIXON ESTATE: President Nixon has disclosed that his two closest friends, Charles "Bebe" Rebozo, left, and industrialist Robert H. Abplanalp, were secret partners in the investment firm that bought the bulk of the San Clemente property in December, 1970. (AP Wirephoto)

Police Drill More Holes In Stockholm Bank Vault

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Stockholm police today drilled more holes in the ceiling of the downtown bank vault in which two convicts were holding three women and a man hostage for the sixth day.

Describing their latest strategy as "Operation Swiss Cheese," the police said they would limit the freedom of movement of gunman Jan-Erik Olsson, a 32-year-old bank robber, and Clark Olofsson, a lifeliner for murder, by exposing them to police sharpshooters. They hoped this pressure eventually would force the men to surrender.

The strategy was not an immediate success. Instead a shot was fired from the vault through one of the new holes, and the bullet went through a policeman's hand and injured his jaw. But his condition was not serious.

He was the second casualty of the siege. Olsson last Thursday wounded another policeman in the hand.

Police spokesmen refused to confirm or deny a report that at least one of the women in the vault had been raped, and one spokesman suggested that Olsson might have given out such a report "to put the police under extra pressure."

Police sources said the oldest of the three women, 31-year-old Birgitta Lundblad, the mother of two small children, had been raped repeatedly. The sources would not say whether the two other women also had been sexually assaulted.

Police Commissioner Kurt Lindroth described Olsson and Olofsson as "human beasts." One police official said what was happening in the vault was "the worst we have experienced ever."

The police bugged the 19-by-40-foot vault and were listening in.

Canada Rail Strike Goes To Parliament

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau Monday night moved to end a national



PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU
Moves to end strike

rail strike which has contributed to a worsening shortage of newsprint among newspapers in the United States.

Trudeau recalled Parliament into special session Thursday afternoon to deal with the strike of about 56,000 nonoperating employees of Canada's 11 railways which is now in its sixth day.

Meanwhile in the United States, newspapers have been forced to drop regular features such as comics, limit advertising, reduce news space, trim press runs and even suspend publication on some days.

The shortage has been aggravated by continuing strikes at some major papermaking mills in Canada and a Canadian railroad strike that began last week. About 65 per cent of all newsprint used in the United States comes from

Canada.

Newspapers hardest hit by the shortage have been smaller dailies without long-term contracts with paper manufacturers. However, some of the nation's largest papers are beginning to feel the pinch.

The Wall Street Journal announced on Monday that certain features would be curtailed or suspended and a "strict limit" was being placed on the amount of advertising that could be accepted.

The financial daily, with a circulation of 1.3 million, also said it was limiting newsstand sales and suspending all circulation sales promotion activity.

The Chicago Daily News has cut down space for news coverage by a page, while the Chicago Tribune has reduced its press run—the number of copies printed—and tightened waste controls.

jumped to high priority on the highway department's project list because of pressure by influential developers with big land investments.

Stafseth and current director John Woodford, denied the allegations at Monday's hearing. Stafseth was St. Joseph city engineer, 1950-52, and became director of the State Highway department in 1967. He resigned last September to become executive director of the American Association of State Highway Officials in Washington.

The controversial route has not been built and only about 10 per cent of the right-of-way has been acquired. Construction was scheduled to start in late 1974. The highway is under fire because of

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Say State Not Pressured Road Project Charges Denied

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan's Highway Department director and his predecessor have denied that private interests wielded influence to speed plans for the disputed Northwestern Highway extension in suburban Detroit.

The denials came as a special House committee opened a public hearing Monday on the controversy.

As the three-day hearing opened in Lansing, former state Highway Department Director Henrik Stafseth said plans for the freeway were accelerated because of "legal and moral obligations" to the Oakland County Road Commission and holders of \$25 million in bonds for the highway.

Newspaper reports last month charged that the 9.6 miles of extension into Oakland County at a cost of about \$43 million was



HENRIK STAFSETH
Denies Claims

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorMartha's Calling It Quits,
So She Says

For a woman who eschews the normal trappings of women's liberation, Martha Mitchell is one of the most emancipated females ever to come down the pike, or perhaps more accurately described, to hit the headlines.

Salome, Good Queen Bess, Catherine the Great, in their separate techniques, ruled the nations of their birth way back when. Salome evokes a moralistic downgrading, but Elizabeth and Catherine reigned so effectively as still to serve as models of statesmanship at its best.

Martha goes at things differently. What's on her mind inevitably winds up in an interview with a reporter always conveniently at hand.

She's good copy for the newshounds, the best since Harry Truman let go with some testy aphorisms concerning opponents of his Presidential policy and also his daughter's musical accomplishments.

A few years ago the spouse of John Mitchell, Nixon's former law partner and first Attorney General, delivered an almost tearful outburst against J. William Fulbright and a few other strategically-placed Democratic senators for blocking Nixon's Vietnam tactics.

She campaigned against Fulbright's re-nomination in the Arkansas primary. Following his handy victory, Martha lamented it was a disgrace to the good sense of the voters in Arkansas, which happens to be her home state.

Fulbright came off the better in his rejoinder to Martha's riposte and she lapsed into comparative silence until the 1972 Presidential campaign got under way.

In its early stages she issued a blast from Newport Beach, California. An executive guard supposedly assigned to protect her as the wife of a high government official, according to Martha, was more a jailer than a security agent.

She accused him and others of keeping her under what amounted to house arrest, even to the extent of doping her, as in her own words, "by sticking pins in my fanny."

Though she hinted broadly about shenanigans in Washington's upper reaches, she never quite defined what she could tell.

Mitchell, however, resigned shortly

thereafter as the President's campaign manager for what he said were domestic problems.

Martha did tune off the loudspeaker for the campaign's duration, only to turn it up once the Ervin Committee moved into the Watergate hearings early in this year.

She demanded the right to accompany her husband who had been summoned to testify and the right to testify in her own behalf.

The Committee informed Martha her presence and voice would add nothing to the proceedings. While Senator Ervin probably felt she might blurt out something harmful to the Administration he did not care to take the chance she might spill the beanpot in all directions and with complete bipartisan equality.

This testimonial flareup died down, but since Mitchell's indictment in New York state on a variety of charges connected with the Watergate caper, Martha has returned to center stage.

A few weeks ago she declared flatly that Nixon knew of and approved the Watergate coverup last summer.

Last Friday she called her husband "a God damn fool for continuing to protect Nixon."

On Sunday she announced plans to leave him "because he is going to jail." She amplified the remark by saying she has consulted a lawyer about a possible separation.

She went on to tell Clare Crawford, a reporter for the Washington Star-News, that while she and John love one another very much the handling of the Newport Beach incident finished their relationship.

Martha could have a point in her long-standing impetuosity, but those specializing in who makes waves in Washington and who stirs nary a ripple claim she makes the points. Martha, they claim, never could get the Washington carousel turning in her direction and her outbursts are an attention magnet energized by that frustration.

If there is to be a marital vacation, may be Mitchell will enjoy the respite.

He has a halfful of problems to think through. Silence is golden for that purpose. Insulated from Martha for a while he may be able to demonstrate that Watergate does not have to be Armageddon.

The Humble Hot Dog
Will Have A New Face

Americans wolf down millions of them at the ball park, at the beach, and on picnics. The Franklin D. Roosevelt served them to the King and Queen of England. Who can doubt that the humble hot dog is America's national food, McDonald's and Colonel Sanders notwithstanding? When served steaming hot on a bun, and lathered with mustard, franks tend to look and taste alike. But appearances are deceiving, as U.S. consumers soon will realize.

Starting Friday, Sept. 7, producers of frankfurters and other cooked sausages will have to conform to new labeling regulations set forth by the Agriculture Department. Products made from more than one kind of meat — for example, beef, pork and poultry

— will be labeled with their traditional generic names, such as "frankfurter," "bologna," or "Knackwurst." If all the meat is of one particular kind, the product's label will have to show just that — for example, "beef frankfurter." And those products which also contain meat byproducts, such as hearts or tongues, will have to bear labels like "franks with variety meats" or "frankfurters with byproducts."

Frankfurters, however, contain a good deal more than meat. When you take a bite of your wiener, you are chewing on a sizeable amount of fat, corn-syrup solids, artificial flavorings, curing additives, and just plain water. And like all ground meat products, frankfurters are highly susceptible to bacterial infestation. Typically, properly refrigerated franks will stay at their best for only two weeks to a month.

Consumer Reports magazine asserted last year (February 1972) that the hot dog isn't what it used to be. Citing Agriculture Department records, the magazine said that the frank of 1937 averaged 19 per cent fat and 19.7 per cent protein. In 1970, cooked sausage products tested by the department averaged 28 per cent fat and 11.7 per cent protein. Chances are, though, that consumers will forget about all that when the ball-park vendor strolls by, "Hey, get your red hots!"

Far ranging Phoenician ships, propelled by wind and oar, circumnavigated Africa about 600 B.C., a feat not duplicated for 21 centuries, according to the National Geographic Society's new, revised edition of "Men, Ships, and the Sea."



GLANCING BACK WARDS

PHONEGRAM PRIZE
SHARED BY FOUR
— 1 Year Ago —

Four area women shared winning honors in the seventh week of this newspaper's Phonegrams contest. Winners were Mrs. Lucy Bridgman, St. Joseph; Mrs. Blanche Polbinski, Benton Harbor; Mrs. Paul Rowe, Lawrence; and Miss Angie Walters, St. Joseph.

All four of the winners submitted eight correct words, and will split the \$50 weekly prize money. Mrs. Bridgman and Mrs. Polbinski both have won

before, Mrs. Bridgman twice.

LADY BANK TELLER
ENTERS GO-KART RACES
— 10 Years Ago —

Mrs. Kay King of 913 Main street is leaving today for Rockford, Ill. to compete in the nation's championship go-kart races.

The tiny young lady has a houseful of trophies from her exploits on the track and most recently won the state championship and then won the four-state regional championship to qualify for the big race. Her first race will be Friday with

the final races scheduled for Labor day. She is a teller at Peoples State Bank.

TEENS WITH WAR JOBS
URGED TO FINISH SCHOOL
— 29 Years Ago —

St. Joseph school authorities today joined in a nationwide "back to school" drive to get a young army of school-age youth who have been working in industry or on farms during the summer back into classrooms this fall.

In a special message to working youth, Supt. E. B. Holden today appealed to all students who have been holding down war jobs to understand that they can best serve their country by completing their education.

RIVALS CENTENNIAL
— 39 Years Ago —

It is generally predicted that Buchanan's four-day festival, sponsored by Ralph Rumbaugh post of the American Legion, will rival Buchanan's centennial celebration of May, 1933. Many parades will lend interest, and to climax the affair, the completion of the Red Bud trail will be marked with appropriate ceremonies.

CIVIL WAR REUNION
— 49 Years Ago —

Civil War veterans from all sections of Berrien county are expected here for the annual encampment of the Berrien County Battalion, G.A.R.

TELEPHONE MAN
PROMOTED
— 59 Years Ago —

William H. Badour of this city, one of the veteran telephone men of the state and manager of this city's exchange for 18 years, has been appointed manager of the exchange for the Michigan State Telephone company in Dowagiac.

BAND PLAYS
— 83 Years Ago —

An Italian band is dealing out choice music on the streets today.

Battle Against
Food Monopolies

DETROIT (AP) — Former U.S. Sen. Fred Harris says the nation's food middlemen are unfairly squeezing money out of both the farmer and the consumer.

Harris and Jim McHale, Pennsylvania's secretary of agriculture, are traveling around the country representing the Food Action Campaign, a group formed earlier this month to fight monopolies in the food industry.

Welfare Workers
Planning Protest

DETROIT (AP) — Two busloads of Welfare Employees Union workers were expected in Lansing today to protest a pay hearing held by the Michigan Civil Service Commission's Compensation Advisory Board. Union representatives say workers are "ranked" by a 3.8 per cent pay increase in July while faced with a 7.3 per cent increase in the cost of living.

CHAD OFFICIAL SLAIN
PARIS (AP) — Dr. Outel Bono, director of public health in the African nation of Chad, was shot and killed Sunday by an unknown assailant in Paris.

Bruce Biossat

U.S. Ill Prepared
For Cutting Arms

WASHINGTON (NEA) — In a little more than two months, East-West talks will begin in Europe on what this country calls balanced, mutual force reductions in the military strength arrayed on the continent by the NATO and Warsaw pact nations. We seem not to be as well prepared for these negotiations as we should be.

This does not mean that NATO's forces, with American ground units, tactical air and other weaponry forming the main core, are not in rough practical balance with those the Soviet Union and its allies can muster for an assault.

Careful analysts long since have disposed of the shallow myth that U.S. forces in Europe are there for purely symbolic purposes and could not, in company with their NATO allies, stand off a sudden Soviet attack. The weighing of relative strength, including both manpower and armor, suggests such an attack could be withstood.

The notion that our military presence in Europe is only symbolic underlies such moves in Congress as Sen. Mike Mansfield's pet proposal to cut U.S. European forces in half. That plan never did take account of the European military and political realities, and against the backdrop of the coming late October talks it looks downright meddlesome.

The Brookings report on the President's 1974 budget indicates there are indeed ways this country could reduce its European forces, with likely defense budget savings. But it suggests we are hampered by an outmoded military structure.

The complaints the Brookings specialists levy against our NATO forces include one directed against the whole military defense establishment: It is the top-heavy with support units at a time when defense manpower costs are spurring upward and efficiency in such units is in question.

Studies show that U.S. Army divisions are split roughly 50-50 between combat and support elements, while Soviet and other Eastern divisions exhibit a ratio of 75 per cent combat, 25 per cent support.

Moreover, the ratio of tanks to men in a Soviet armored division is twice that of a U.S. armored division. And Soviet tactical air centers on close support of ground troops, while our "tactical" air is in fact conceived as a multipurpose force whose goals include deep territorial strikes that are more properly described as "strategic."

The Soviet setup is geared to the idea of a quick war and, of course, a quick victory.

As noted, the analysts' judgment is that we could thwart that purpose, even as presently organized. Still, the evidence is strong that we are not only overloaded with costly manpower, but geared for a kind of long war that many never have fought again — with slow reserve build-up, protection of sea lanes, etc.

So the analysts say we could slash present U.S. NATO forces — not in half, but from 300,000 down to 250,000. Most of this would be "support fat." And they argue we should tune up, realistically, for a quicker war.

Jeffrey Horn

'Holy Shroud' To
Undergo Tests

This fall in Turin, Italy, an event will occur that is loaded with religious and historical significance. The famous Holy Shroud will be made available to an international scientific commission for examination and testing.

As is generally well known, strong reason exists — astonishingly enough — to believe that the Shroud is actually the burial garment of Jesus. Until I myself had gone into the matter in some detail, I would have scoffed at the notion, but in a previous column I outlined the evidence, and the interested reader will do well to consult the book, "It Is the Lord," by Father Peter Rinaldi, soon to be reissued in paperback, or the extraordinary article on the Shroud by Barbara M. Sullivan in the July 20 issue of National Review.

Even more remarkably, the cloth has on it the imprint of a full-length figure, the face and other features clearly discernible, an imprint evidently produced by the reaction of

materials used in the ancient burial procedure with chemicals contained in perspiration.

The possibility, and I would say the probability, that the Shroud really is the burial garment of Jesus naturally has led to great circumsppection in the handling of it. Nevertheless, the required authorization for the scientific testing has now been given — by Pope Paul VI, by the Archbishop of Turin, and by the Royal House of Savoy, the inheritors of the cloth.

The forthcoming tests will certainly enhance our knowledge of the Shroud. They will be the subject of extensive TV coverage, certainly in Europe and probably here as well. They might establish its authenticity, or else certain questions will remain. Carbon-dating procedures, for example, seem to work best on newly excavated objects which have been free from recent exposure and "contamination." But the Shroud has been handled for centuries, probably millennia.

Meanwhile, with the tests in prospect, scholars working with large photographs of the Shroud have been using it to draw aside the veil surrounding those ancient events. Pierre Barbet in "A Doctor at Calvary" has used the Shroud to produce a careful analysis of the physical events leading up to the death on the cross. In her National Review article, Ms. Sullivan has carried the investigation another step forward. In the scriptural account, we read that the women of Galilee followed after, beheld the tomb "and how his body was laid." What, asks Ms. Sullivan, did they actually see?

Meticulously examining the details of the Shroud, measuring and calculating, as set forth in her article, she arrives at a surprising conclusion. "The figure on the Shroud did not, as one might think, lie flat in the tomb. 'The left foot possibly straddles well across the right foot; the frontal image 'shortens' with a shift or twist to the right; there is a marked curvature of the dorsal line that, so far, involves the head, neck and shoulder areas.' This data suggests 'that the image is somewhat hunched and lies to one side.'"

BERRY'S WORLD



"He hasn't been the same since he realized he's not getting any better — he's just getting older."

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TOP RATED TWIRLERS: Benton Harbor high school majorettes received a "superior" rating—the highest awarded—during a week-long session in fundamentals and skills of twirling at the Smith Walbridge camp in Syracuse, Ind. Attending the clinic were (from left) Mary Souliotis, Lois Mummaw, Becky Chapman, and Drum Major Steve Marschke. Marschke received "first class" rating, an honor bestowed on only 25 of the 350 drum majors at the camp.

BH Commission Asks For New Look

The Benton Harbor city commission requested Monday that the proposed new city charter be recalled from the governor's office for further study, particularly in the area of a merit system for municipal employees.

The commission also rounded out organization of the mayor's office by approving two new administrative posts. Salaries for both jobs will total \$18,000 a

year, with the money coming from a grant, donated by undisclosed "private sources."

Action on the charter issue and the new jobs came in the form of resolutions, approved unanimously with only Commissioner Edmund Eaman absent.

Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh spearheaded the matters, as chairman of the com-

mission's legislative committee. On the charter matter, Flaugh proposed the resolution to be sent to the city charter commission. It asks that the charter commission retrieve the proposed constitution from the governor's office. It also asks that the charter commission meet with the city commission for a thorough review of the document.

Flaugh, backed by Mayor Charles F. Joseph, said there's ample time to work out details before a charter election, sought for Jan. 8, 1974, but the commissioner detailed only the merit issue. Flaugh said other items would be brought up, if the charter commission agrees.

It's not yet known if the charter commission will agree to recall the charter from the governor's office and meet with the city commission. Flaugh said Victor Greer, charter commission chairman, said only that the request should be reviewed by the entire charter commission.

The proposed charter calls for a merit system on hiring and promotions, but has deleted the term civil service and the specific requirement of a civil service board. These are in the present charter. Mayor Joseph said he doesn't care if it takes 18 months to get a good charter together, because it will have to serve the city for, perhaps, 20 years or more.

Flaugh, who over a year ago opposed a staff for the mayor, said Monday he's convinced now that two accomplished administrative assistants are vital to assist the mayor and commissioners in handling the host of programs and problems arising.

The jobs are legislative coordinator-special assistant, which will pay \$10,000 a year; and administrative and research assistant, to pay \$8,000. Flaugh emphasized that the taxpayers will not pay for the salaries. No official would reveal the source of the money, other than saying it is from "private sources" and some \$50,000 already is on hand, according to Flaugh.

The jobs will not conflict with duties or decisions of the city manager, Flaugh said.

The commission also: —Authorized the city manager to execute a contract with the State of Michigan for a \$20,000 grant for hiring urban development personnel.

—Voted to seek bids to demolish substandard houses at 467 East Britain and 681 Highland.

The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 10, because of Labor day and a state meeting next week.

STICK Rally At Peace Temple

The first mass rally of Operation STICK of Benton Harbor is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Peace Temple United Methodist church, Pipestone and Jefferson streets.

The rally originally had been scheduled for the Liberty theater but was changed to the church.

STICK (Striving Together in Community Kinship) will have as guest speaker, the Rev. George Edgar Riddick, director of research for Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), an organization representing black citizens and headed by the Rev. Jesse Jackson. PUSH is based in Chicago.

Benton Harbor Mayor Charles F. Joseph also is scheduled to speak.

Music will be provided by Louis J. Joseph, Mrs. Geneva Shepherd and the Mitchell Singers.

Operation STICK, formally launched July 4, is planning ambitious economic programs for black citizens: construction of a meat processing plant to employ 118 persons; college tuition money for students; and start-up money for individual businesses. Michael Shane is executive director of the opera-

tion.

The Rev. Riddick, 40, is a native of Denver, Colo., and currently lives in Chicago. He was educated at the University of Denver, University of Wisconsin and Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He is a lay minister, general conference Mennonite church, and also is assistant pastor of Blackwell Memorial AME Zion church, Chicago.

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The men were reportedly returning from a fishing trip near Pine Land, Texas, in a four-seat plane, piloted by Hocker. The plane crashed in Trinity county, about 100 miles north of Houston, the AP said. Wreckage was reportedly scattered for almost a mile.

After graduation from Benton Harbor high school, Hocker served five years in the U.S. Air Force. He attended Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, and then joined the staff of St. Joseph Memorial hospital, Fort Worth. Hospital officials said he was a surgical assistant.

Funeral services for Hocker were incomplete at the Greenwood funeral home, Fort Worth.

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The jobs will not conflict with duties or decisions of the city manager, Flaugh said.

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The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 10, because of Labor day and a state meeting next week.

There will be no admission charge to the dance, but donations will be accepted, the sponsors said. The Van Avery's have been living with her parents in Benton Harbor.



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BY LYLE SUMERIN
South Berrien Bureau

BUCHANAN — By a margin of 176 votes, Buchanan school district voters rejected a bonding proposal to finance construction of a new high school yesterday for the fifth time in 3½ years.

Voters turned down a \$4.995 million bonding proposal 954 to 778, marking the smallest margin of defeat since the first building proposal appeared on the ballot in 1970. Seventeen of the 1,749

ballots cast were spoiled.

Yesterday's election also recorded the smallest voter turnout of the five bonding elections. In March 1972, the last election, a \$3.995 million proposal lost 1,441 to 1,981 as 2,589 votes were cast.

If approved, school officials had projected the new high school would have been in limited use by September 1974 making it possible to eliminate split sessions for grades 6 through 12.

Buchanan middle and high school students are preparing to enter their second year of split sessions because of what school officials claim are overcrowded conditions in the present high school.

The proposed high school, of conventional design, incorporated enlarged instruction areas for science, physical education, music, art, business education, vocational education and industrial arts, a 500-seat auditorium, 2,500-seat capacity gymnasium, and 400-seat cafeteria.

It was to have been located on 101 acres the district owns adjacent to the city limits on Fourth street.

Following announcement of the results, Richard Post, board president, issued the following statement:

"We regret the building proposal failed. Your board of education, the state board of education and the North Central association all agreed that a new high school was needed for this community. The board has made no decision as to what it will do in the near future."

Debt Retirement Millage Reduced By LMC Trustees

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

Lake Michigan college board of trustees last night set the millage levy for operational and debt retirement for fiscal year

1973-74 at 1.426 mills — a decrease of .068 mills from last year.

Of the 1.426 mills, one mill will go to meet the operational budget and the other .426 of a

mill will go toward the retirement of college's bonded indebtedness, now at \$406,000. The .426 of a mill will raise \$406,821 with a 100 per cent collection. It was felt that interest earned on

investing these funds should cover any normal delinquency.

It was the fourth year in a row that LMC trustees voted to lower the debt retirement millage.

The original one-mill levy approved by voters when the college district went county-wide in 1963 is devoted to operating costs now. Until 1970, the one-mill took care of both operating and debt service costs.

LMC President James Lehman credited "careful management and restraint" on the part of the college's board, as major reasons that have enabled the trustees to lower the tax levy.

Another major reason is the fact that Berrien county's state equalized valuation went up nearly 10 percent in 1973 to \$900,894,897.

Covert township in Van Buren county with more than \$40 million in State equalized valuation (tax base) also is part of the LMC district.

"It's true that the equalized valuation has increased," Atty. Robert Small, LMC board chairman, said, "but the fact remains that this board has shown restraint on millage levies, where other college boards have not."

Lehman said that the citizens of Berrien county can be assured that the decrease in the millage levy will not adversely affect the instructional program of the college, which he termed "second to none for an institution our size."

Possible pay increases for secretarial and administrative personnel were tabled by the board last night, pending a study to be conducted to find out where the college stands compared to other similar institutions.

In other board action last night:

The board ratified the action of its secretary, Donald Eppelheimer, who filed an appeal on behalf of the board, on a decision handed down by Berrien Circuit court on a suit seeking the recall election of LMC Board Chairman Small.

Accepted a \$45,000 higher education grant for continuation of the college's Institute for Professional and Paraprofessional Studies ECECE (Educational and Counseling for Employment and or Career Entry) project.

Ken Riley, project coordinator said "ECECE focuses on the provision of educational opportunity for urban and rural poor in the Berrien county area. A major outcome of the project is to assist participants in becoming ready to join the work force and to enhance and develop their own life styles."

The board also approved a \$14,500 contract with the county for payment of services by personnel from the county sheriff's department in connection with college's law enforcement project.

Richard Creal, vice president of instruction indicated that it appears that day enrollment will be down, but evening enrollment will be up compared to last year. Overall, he expects total enrollment to be down slightly from last year, "like most community colleges in the state." Creal said exact enrollment figures would not be available until late next week.

Three members of the seven-member board were absent at last night's meeting. They were: Richard Gates, who is on vacation; Donald Eppelheimer, absent due to a family illness; and Victor Weil, who had another board meeting to attend.

Lakeshore Tax Rate Is Down Half Mill

Lakeshore school board last night set the district's property tax rate for the 1973-74 school year at 28.376 mills, a reduction of one-half mill from last year's levy.

The levy calls for 22.376 mills for school operation, the same as last year, and 6 mills for debt retirement, down one-half mill.

William Galbreath, assistant superintendent, said the reduction in debt levy was possible because of a near \$5 million increase in the district's state equalized valuation, to \$77.5 million.

The total levy is expected to raise nearly \$2.2 million in local taxes, said Galbreath. Of this, \$1.7 million is for operation and \$485,000 for debt retirement.

The local operating levy represents about one half of the projected \$3.4 million operating budget for 1973-74, said school officials. It includes 14 mills special voted by the district and 8.376 mills allocated by the county.



HIT BY BULLET: Lt. Commander Norris G. Counts, of Walled Lake, flying a Navy reserve transport near Selfridge Air National Guard Base Sunday, was hit in leg after it had penetrated plane he was flying. The plane was damaged only slightly and landed safely. Counts is shown here with his daughter Betsy, 2, as he answered questions about incident. He is a veteran of some 100 Viet missions without a scratch. (AP Wirephoto)

River Valley Hires New Schools Chief

THREE OAKS — A 33-year-old Detroit native has been hired as new superintendent of River Valley schools at an annual salary of \$22,500, plus fringe benefits.

Announcement of the hiring of Joseph Caimi, superintendent of Uby schools in Michigan's thumb, was made during last night's meeting of the River Valley school board.

The new superintendent is to start at River Valley by Oct. 1, according to school officials.

Caimi has been superintendent at Uby, a district of about 1,400 students, for the past two years. He previously was elementary principal at Uby.

River Valley has a total enrollment of over 2,200 students.

Caimi is married and has two children. He holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and an education specialist's degree from Eastern Michigan university, Ypsilanti.

His salary, prorated over nine months of the 1973-74 school year beginning in October, will equal \$15,875, according to school officials.

Edward Farrell has been acting superintendent at River Valley since the resignation of Harold Sauter as superintendent earlier this year. Farrell is to return to his post of assistant superintendent after the arrival of Caimi.

Farrell reported last night that the school board voted to offer Caimi a contract at a special meeting Aug. 21.

In other action, the board okayed addition of inter-scholastic girls' basketball to the district's athletic program. Farrell reported that an 11-game schedule is to be set up. He said the coach selected would be paid from \$500 to \$600 depending on experience.

School trustees established the 1973 school property tax rate at 22.726 mills, down four-tenths of a mill from last year's rate.

The reduction was in debt retirement tax from 2.95 mills last year to 2.55 this year.

The tax rate for school operations was maintained at 20.176 mills. This includes 8.376 mills allocated by the county and 11.8 extra-voted mills.

Acting on a request from the River Valley Education association, the board agreed to extend the 1972-73 master contract with teachers into the 1973-74 school year until a new master contract is ratified.



COLLECTOR'S ITEM: Robert Wilson, proprietor of Dowagiac Stationers, points out to Mrs. Fred Mathews and Mrs. Earl Marhanka, FACT One auction staff, exquisite handcrafting of rare collector's piece, 5 by 10 foot Chinese cloth from Empress' treasure building of silks dating back to

pre-Boxer rebellion days. Cloth, valued in excess of \$1,000, will be up for bid at Michiana FACT ONE auction Sept. 28 at Dowagiac armory, sponsored by Southwestern Michigan college foundation for benefit of proposed fine arts center and theatre.

4-H Food Projects

Niles Sisters Are Winners

Two Niles sisters and a Berrien Springs girl were named recipients of Berrien county's highest 4-H foods awards last night during the seventh annual 4-H foods banquet at Win Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville.

Lois and Jean Radewald of Niles captured first and second, respectively, in the senior division and Carol Kolm of Berrien Springs, won the junior division title.

Nearly 200 persons attended

the banquet, which has been sponsored by Win Schuler restaurants since 1967.

The awards are given annually for the greatest participation in the county's 4-H foods program. Pete Racine, manager of Win Schuler's presented the senior winners with silver serving bowls and the junior winner with a silver serving plate.

Lois Radewald, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Radewald, was named the most

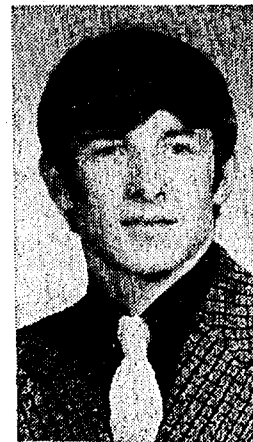
Outstanding Achievement Award winner for 1973. Lois has participated in foods projects for nine years and has been a teen leader for four years. She is a member of the Fairland 4-H club of Niles.

Her sister, Jean, 16, was runnerup in the senior division. As a member of the same 4-H club, she has been active in food projects for seven years and a teen leader for two.

Carol Kolm, 14, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kolm, was named the junior division winner. She is a member of the Burke Busy Bees 4-H club of Berrien Springs and has been active in food projects for six years and a teen leader for one year.

Featured speaker was Robert Joslin, director of environmental education, Fernwood Nature Center, Niles. He gave a slide presentation about the center.



SPEECH WINNER: Ronald Ridley, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ridley, route 2, South Haven, won statewide 4-H public speaking contest held at Michigan State university Aug. 18. As state winner, Ronald wins \$50 savings bond and is entered in national 4-H speech contest.

Buchanan Lists Projects For Rev-Sharing Funds

BUCHANAN — Three projects for use of federal revenue sharing funds through June 1974 were approved by Buchanan city commission last night.

The funds, estimated at \$169,637, will be used for construction of restrooms at Memorial field, fencing around Ravish park, and improvement of sections of eight streets in the northeast area of the city.

City Manager Robert Faulhaber estimated cost of restrooms at about \$20,189, and fencing at \$8,350. He was authorized to obtain bids on the two projects with a goal of completing the restrooms this fall.

Streets slated for improvement include: Fulton, Redbud to River; Arctic, Redbud to Enterprise; Elizabeth, Redbud to Victory; Bluff, Redbud to Victory; Richards, Redbud to Victory; Victory; Arctic to Fulton; Commercial, Fulton to north end of street; and Enterprise,

Fulton to Arctic.

In other business, the commission ratified a three-year contract with Buchanan Policemen's association. The contract calls for a \$510 increase for patrolmen, starting at \$8,150 and moving up to \$10,850 in three years.

The contract also calls for optional increase in life insurance, to be paid by officers; prescription drug rider added to insurance coverage, and an extra paid holiday, giving policemen nine paid holidays. A tenth paid holiday will be added next year.

The commission changed the date for a public hearing on a request to vacate portions of Jordan and Marble streets from Sept. 10 to 24 to allow time for advertising.

Faulhaber reported the city had received its first shipment of gasoline from Texaco at a cost of 12.9 cents per gallon.

Coloma To Use Container

Rubbish System Approved

COLOMA — Coloma city residents will begin using a new type of rubbish disposal system Friday, Sept. 7, after city officials entered into a contract with a Coloma area disposal firm last night.

Commissioners approved a contract calling for the use of a 30 yard metal container, at a cost of \$60 per load, with John Bolt, owner of Ace Refuse Disposal.

The container will be located on the east side of the city's parking lot, off East Logan street, and be open for dumping of rubbish from 2 to 6 p.m. each Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

The new rubbish container setup replaces the use of White's Sanitary Landfill which ceases operation to city residents Aug. 31. The disposal system will cost the city \$3,120 per year as opposed to the \$5,000 cost charged by White's landfill service.

City residents will be charged 25 cents per bag of rubbish, 50 cents for a car trunk and \$1 for a pickup or stationwagon load.

The new rubbish disposal is to be used by city residents only, with passes issued to them by the city. Clerk Mrs. Patricia Beezley said city residents may begin picking up passes this week.

City commissioners also set the rate of pay for an attendant to

oversee the dumping at \$10 for Friday, and \$25 for Saturday. Commissioners said no commercial or industrial solid waste will be accepted.

In other areas, commissioners voted to spend the next federal revenue sharing allotment on water lines for the northern portion of the city. Of the anticipated \$23,000, 75 per cent will be used for construction of new water lines and 25 per cent for acquisition of land for the site of a new city water well.

Commissioners approved placing no parking signs on the east side of Paw Paw avenue, from North street to the Paw Paw river bridge to avoid traffic problems along the two lane road.

Chesapeake and Ohio railroad officials told the commission by letter that the speed of freight trains going through the city would be maintained at 25 miles per hour as established by the city. Recently Coloma city police reported clocking trains by radar at speeds in excess of 38 miles per hour.

Approval was granted to allow Menasha Corporation, Twin Cities Container division, to estimate its water bill for 80 days while the company attempts to re-engineer its water lines into production and sanitary sewer uses.

Bingo Tonight At South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — Boat Brith Women are sponsoring a bingo game tonight, Tuesday, Aug. 28, beginning at 7 p.m. in the South Haven armory, Aylworth avenue.

Proceeds will go to the Leo N. Levi Hospital for Arthritis, community and veterans service, and Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Library.